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ALUMNAE MEETING



The Spring meeting of the Nurses' Alumnae of St. Michael's Hospital was held in the residence on Tuesday, March 10th, 1953.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

Miss Donovan gave the annual treasurer's report:—

February 28th, 1953.

Balance in bank, General Fund	\$913.30
Scholarship Fund	2466.39
Final Proceeds, Bridge	.. \$60.00
Final Proceeds, Dance	.. 393.00

Miss Marjorie McGregor read a letter of appreciation from Sr. Maura for \$500 received from the Alumnae, as a gift to the Hospital.

Several other letters of appreciation and thanks were also read from members and friends of the Alumnae.

ALUMNAE MEETING

Miss Grace Murphy then gave a very comprehensive report on the activities of the student nurses.

The students expressed their thanks, through M. Murphy, to Sr. Vincentia for the gift of a television set for the nurses' residence.

It was announced that the March meeting of the R.N.A.O., would be held in the Assembly Hall of St. Michael's Hospital, with Dr. J. Sullivan speaking on Fenestration Operation.

Miss McGurk expressed her thanks to those who helped with the Alumnae News.

Miss Goudreau reported that she attended two meetings of R.N.A.O.

Sr. Mary Kathleen spoke briefly reminding the members to attend R.N.A.O. meeting on March 23rd, 1953.

The President announced that, due to the absence of Miss Peggy Hughes because of her mother's illness, Miss Betty Ann Phelan would convene the Spring Tea, to be held on Saturday following Easter.

Miss Goudreau took the chair for the election of officers.

The following slate was prepared:—

Honorary Pres.—Rev. Sr. Maura
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Blue Cross—Mrs. A. Romano

The above officers were elected by acclamation.

Rep. to Registry—Mrs. Margaret Baker, who was elected by show of hands.

Miss Gwen. Ferguson thanked members for their co-operation during the past year.

Miss P. O'Connor, new President, then spoke briefly.

It was announced that the conveners of the spring dance were Miss Ada Brophy and Miss Gondreau.

Mrs. A. Romano suggested that a Hobby Show and Cooking Sale be held in the Fall. This was to be considered.

The speaker for the evening was Mrs. Hardstons, of T. Eaton Co., who spoke on chinaware and glassware. She also presented a most interesting exhibit.

The meeting was adjourned.

Patricia Kelly,
Rec.-Secty.



ENGAGEMENTS

Margaret Dunn '51, to Charles Coady, wedding in St. Mary's Church, Almonte, July 4th, 1953.

Charlene Bechard '51, to William Martin.

Jane Pratt '52, to Edward Wriscinski.



While in Hamilton recently one of the 1932 graduates spent a most enjoyable afternoon with Sr. Eileen, a classmate, at St. Joseph's Hospital, viewing the modern new wing, including the spacious Operating Room, where Sister Eileen is in charge. Sister Mary Daniel, who will be remembered at St. Mike's taking a P.G. in the O.R., is Sr. Eileen's Assistant.

Sister Eileen wished to be remembered to every person who remembers her.



A GET-TOGETHER OF THE 1946 JANUARY CLASS

A Get-together of some of the members of the January Class of 1946 was held Tuesday evening, Jan. 27th at the home of Patricia McNamara Monteith, Toronto. This was the tenth reunion of the class.

The evening passed all too quickly with pleasant reminiscing and the exchange of a year's accumulated gossip. An anniversary cake, resplendent in the school colours, with ten candles, was cut and pictures were taken of the group.

Classmates present were:—Elizabeth Murphy Johnson, Toronto; Mary Pillar McAlpine, Toronto; Violet Shepherd Proudfoot, Toronto; Elizabeth Snelgrove Daniels, Toronto; Stella Stachuff Steele, Mactier; Helen Thomas MacDonald, Preston; Muriel Yarranton King, Brampton.

Letters were received from Helen Sullivan McIsaac, North Bay, and Joyce Simmis Swayne, North Bay.

All expressed the desire to contact other members of the class to make plans for a large reunion at some future date.



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News
Notes

Louise Richardson is now on the staff of the Red Cross and has had Miss Kennedy and Miss Sheppard and others from St. Michael's teaching Home Nursing Courses during the winter.

Kitty and Ida McQuillan spent the winter in Toronto.

Sister Louise was elected again to the Counsel of the Canadian Hospital Association.

Gilberte Huot '52, is on the staff of the Queen of the Angels Hospital, Los Angeles.

Judy Mossteller, who has been in California since graduation last year is now on staff duty in hospital in Kentucky.

Essie Taylor Smith and family have moved to Santa Monica, California. Her address there is 312—11th. Essie expects to be in Toronto shortly for her daughter's graduation from St. Michael's Hospital.

Dot Coade entertained the "Pilots" at a dinner party in her new apartment recently. During the evening the other members of the Club presented her with many beautiful and useful gifts and wished her the best of luck and much happiness in her new home.

Mrs. Ann Bowles Pratt is on the staff of a hospital in Orange, California.

Margaret Hughes is now living in Peterboro, Ontario.

Sister Marie Antoinette recently stationed in St. Joseph's Hospital, Winnipeg, is now in charge of the O.R. at St. Joseph's, Toronto.

Miss Mary Lou Purvis, is on the staff at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky.

Catherine McGuiness has been in Hospital Health Service at St. Joseph's Hospital for some time.

Mrs. Yvonne Miron Dandy has moved to Newtonbrook.





A STORY TO REMEMBER

The following is the inspirational monologue delivered by Gene Lochart at the concert and opening Rally for St. Michael's College Centennial Fund held in the Imperial Theatre.

Perhaps it is unnecessary to add that Mr. Lochart's companion—the St. Michael's College graduate—was his own very close friend, the late Dr. Frank O'Leary.

"When I was thinking over the St. Michael's campaign it seemed to me that last night I dozed off to sleep and all of a sudden I found myself walking down the path at St. Michael's College and as I came down I heard a voice call to me. I turned around and bless my soul it was an old friend of mine. One of the old grads." He said, "Hello Gene, where are you going?" I said, "I'm going down town here to do some things". And he said, "I know exactly what you're going to do and I'm going to help you." "How do you mean?" said I.

"We are going to make the first visit." "Well I don't know exactly what to say." He said, "You say exactly what I tell you to say. You see, I've been sent here to do this thing for you. Now here is our first point of call."

And we were approaching a store, sort of an antique store. There was an old gentleman inside. As soon as we went inside he turned, saw my friend and said, "Oh, my good friend, the Good Samaritan." The old gentleman then turned and called his wife and he said, "Rebecca, look who's here, the man who got us a place to live." And he explained to me, that he and his wife and children had no place to live some years ago, not even a room and he said to me, "What do you say in the New Testament? There is no room at the Inn. This good man here, this Good Samaritan, got us not only a room but a place to live in. Why have you come?" continued he.

My friend then apparently did something and I found these words coming out about the project of St. Michael's. A place for young men and young women to learn; to learn to put words together; to learn as St. Augustine said, "how to understand the meanings of what they read and how to explain what they want to say." And the old gentleman turned to my friend and said, "If this means that we can have more young men and young women in this country who support freedom of thought, freedom of religion, freedom from intolerance. If it gives to our Community, our Country, young men like you. . .give me the card." And as he signed the card my friend in his strange way with his quick, bright, merry eye, turned to me and said, "You see, it's as simple as that, you don't talk money, you just talk love, and the more deeply you love, the easier it becomes—and this is brotherly love."

We said good-bye and in a few moments we were at the top of one of the large buildings downtown. And he said, "Now here is a gentleman. He is almost eighty years of age. He is a financier. His name is Sir Robert McTavish. He has interests in mining camps, in timber, and in ships that ply along the St. Lawrence."

We were introduced to the man and he again looked at my companion and said, "Well, think of seeing you here again. How are you?" "Fine," replied my friend.

"What is the purpose of your visit?"

And then I felt again his thoughts coming out. I said to the gentleman, "St. Michael's College trains young men, the young men that you need for the furtherance of the great projects for which you are responsible. Here we have a river, shortly to be a seaway that will carry your ships from Europe and the old world to the head waters of the Lakes. And thus this river, like Canada, becomes a clearing house, becomes a central point for the diffusion for the exchange of ideas between the Old World and the thriving, driving country to the South of us representing the New World. And if these young men and young women can gain the knowledge that they need, the sense of language, the sense of the Liberal Arts; so that they can become the young Captains of industry—everybody in this country will profit who loves his country; and in addition to that they learn one of the most essential things today, love of God. So then for love of home, for love of children, for love of freedom, for love of country, we ask you."

The old gentleman turned to my friend, and said, "Many, many years ago, in the first World War, you did something for my boy, over there . . . and I told you at the time, I would take an opportunity to return your kindness—give me the card. My boy is still there, and still there are the crosses, row on row. Take it . . . thank you . . and God Bless you, God Bless you, Doctor."

And in a second, we found ourselves again outside St. Michael's. I said, "Well, for Heaven's sake, Frank, why did you do all these things?" He said, "Now I have to get down to St. Michael's Hospital, just to have a look in there just once more to see how things are going with all these other young doctors. Then I have to get back—you see the fellows are calling me "Up There". And as he was going, hobbling away right through the railings of St. Michael's yard I called after him and said, "Frank, how is it there?"

And he said, "Oh . . . it is greater, it is more wonderful than you ever dreamed. It's true. The eye never saw, and the ear never heard, what's it like". And I said, "Good-bye Frank, Good-bye."

And from away off, I heard hundreds and hundreds of voices saying "Good work, Frank." And then a long . . . loud . . . silent . . . cheer seemed to fill the atmosphere—"St. Mike's, St. Mike's . . . Rah . . . Rah . . . Rah! . . ."

We are grateful to the Editor, 'The Mike', for the privilege of representing the above.



HOSPITAL AND SCHOOL OF NURSING ACTIVITIES

There are three hundred and thirteen students in the school and two hundred and thirty-one nurses on the graduate staff of the Hospital and School of Nursing.

Twelve postgraduate students are in operating room, obstetrics and special courses.

The students annual retreats were held in February. Very Reverend C. F. Sullivan, C.Ss.R., the rector of St. Patrick's was the retreat master.

The Senior and Intermediate Students had their uniform dances in the North Residence Auditorium, the week of February 15th.

At the request of District 5, R.N.A.O., the March meeting was held in St. Michael's Hospital Assembly Hall. Dr. Joseph A. Sullivan was the guest speaker, his topic, 'The Fenestration Operation' with an accompanying film which was 'shot' in St. Michael's Hospital operating room and has had world wide showing. This was followed by a visit to the study clinic for the Hard of Hearing Patient and a tour of the North Residence. Refreshments were served in the cafeteria.

The Interschool basketball tournament was held in North Residence Gymnasium, the week of March 9th.

The nineteen fifty-three graduates were guests at a St. Patrick's Day party—an Irish play by the preliminary students, refreshments and an impromptu concert.

A television set is now in the Main Residence, a gift to Sister Vincentia and from her, a gift to the students.

The following members of the Medical Staff were speakers on the Staff Education Programme.

Dr. W. Keith Welsh
Dr. R. G. C. Kelly
Dr. J. A. Sullivan
Dr. G. A. Henry
Dr. C. A. Bardawell



Congratulations to Dr. J. H. McPhedran who was elected President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario at the meeting which was held recently.

Congratulations to Dr. Joseph Sullivan, who has been named a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine of England.





OUR SYMPATHY TO:

Sister Collette on the death of her father.

Eunice Griffin '47 on the death of her father.

Mary Doyle '31 on the death of her brother.

Agnes O'Toole '40 on the death of her mother.

Lenore Dellanty Slingeraman '30 on the death of her father.

Mrs. Amy Higgins Day '96 on the loss of her husband.

Lorna Wilson '53 on the loss of her mother.

Marie Ellard '24 on the loss of her brother.

Aileen O'Connor Enright '20 on the death of her father.

Mary Meehan Fitzgerald '39 on the death of her mother.

Lydia Orlando Cozzi '39 on the death of her father.

Margaret Corr Quinn '34 on the death of her mother.

Donna Beahan Dunning '41 on the death of her father.

Mary Munson Francis '32 on the loss of her father.

Sister Maura on the death of her Aunt, Mother Immaculate Heart, founder and Superior of the Edmonton Monastery of the Precious Blood.

Fern Stuart Butchart '32 on the death of her husband.

Mary Moreau '20 on the death of her father.

Marjorie Thompson MacKinnon '39 on the death of her father.

Kathleen McNamara Clancy '43 on the death of her mother.

Mr. McMorland and the family of Martina Flanagan McMorland, whose funeral was sung at Holy Rosary Church in March.

Arissa Armstrong Dryden '35 on the death of her father.

Marie Hickey '28 on the death of her father.

Mary Desmond Ryan '15 on the death of her brother.

Claire O'Hagan Thompson on the death of her mother.

Mrs. Agnes Murray Smyth on the death of her mother.

Mrs. Ann Dollar Scully on the recent bereavements in her family.

The family of the late Nan Gartland on the death of her brother.

Annabelle Sampson on the death of her brother.

Dr. Apted on the death of his mother.

The family of Sister M. Eusebia who was in charge of Out Patient Dept. of St. Michael's for some years.

Sally MacInnes Sampson '25 on the death of her husband.

Rosemary Ellard '52 on the death of her father.



Sister Vincentia, Obstetrical Division



Sister Florian, Pediatrics Department



Sister Carmela, X-Ray Department



Sister Albertina, Out Patients' Department



Sister de Sales, Miss Rosemary Howorth, Miss Vera Gratz, in The Science Laboratory



Left to Right—Dr. M. Dwan, Dr. A. Carter, Dr. J. G. Robinson, Sr. Eileen, Marion Topham Finnegan, Dr. V. E. Mullens.

CAPPING CEREMONY

The capping ceremony was held in St. Michael's Cathedral on Sunday, January 18th, at which eighty students received their caps.

Reverend J. Brennan, the Hospital Chaplain, officiated and Reverend D. E. Daly, S.J., delivered the sermon.

Many relatives and friends of the students were present as well as the Sisters, Staff Doctors and nurses.

Benediction was given by Very Reverend B. Kyte, Rector. The singing was under the direction of Right Reverend J. E. Ronan.

A reception and tea in the Hospital Assembly Hall followed the ceremony.

Among the students are the daughters, sisters, nieces and cousins of St. Michael's doctors and nurses:

Daughters

Ann Bloye—Margaret Kelly Bloye '29.

Barbara Gardi—Dr. V. A. Gardi.

Helen Hinch—Irene Farrell Hinch '18.

Denice Regan—Evelyn O'Donnell Regan '29.

Leona Watson—Dr. George Watson.

Sisters

Cansetta DeGrant—Ida Mae DeGrant '54.

Elizabeth Dunn—Margaret Dunn '51. Dr Arthur Dunn.

Rosemary Howarth—Barbara Howarth Dixon, '43.

Ellen Murphy—Mary Louise Murphy Selnes '47.

Rita O'Malley—Mary Ellen O'Malley '54.

Lucy Ruggiero—Ann Ruggiero '52.

Phyllis Shibley—Corrine Shibley '55.

Anne Tunney—Teresa Tunney '53.

Nieces

Lois Trepanier—Dr. David Steele.

Cousins

Reta Bulger—Mary Carty '48, Maureen Carty '53.

Elizabeth Manning—Anarita McNamara '37.

Many of the students are St. Michael's own babies, having first seen the light of day in St. Michael's Obstetrical division.



JUNE MEETING

SECOND TUESDAY — JUNE 9th



NURSES' RESIDENCE

Time 8 P.M.



FROM
OUR
MAIL
BOX

Noreen Hickey Corr '36 writes from Boiseton, N.B., that she is well and is enjoying teaching Health and allied subjects in their new High School there. Noreen is combining her teaching and nursing experience in this interesting project.

Mary Holden Hogan '36 writes from St. John's, Newfoundland, that like us they have had very little winter and that she and Catherine Maddaford were over to see Edith Murphy Carroll.

Kay Boyle reports liking California and often visits Essie and frequently comes across someone from St. Michael's. She recently visited Kay Meagher.

From Newfoundland Newspaper:—

"Victorian Order Nurse Entertained"

"Mrs. W. A. Hogan entertained a group of nurses recently, the special guest for the evening being Miss Catherine Maddaford, registered nurse of the Victorian Order in St. John's. Mrs. Hogan and the guest of honour are both graduates of St. Michael's School of Nursing, Toronto, and this was their first meeting since their graduation. A pleasant evening was spent renewing old acquaintances and after supper Miss Maddaford was presented with a small gift, with the wish that her stay in St. John's will be both pleasant and successful."

Miss Joanna Madigan writes:—

"On behalf of my sister Mrs. Mary Madigan McDevitt, a patient in Our Lady of Mercy Hospital, I wish to thank the Alumnae and the nurses for the useful and very generous gifts, sent to Mary throughout the year. Unfortunately some of the cards become mislaid before I see them, or I do not know the addresses, so wish to thank you through the News, so that the girls may all know that their gifts have not gone without acknowledgment."

"Gratefully,

Joanna Madigan."



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Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Mendonea (Jean Rix) '50, St. Michael's Hospital, Jan. 12th, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dawe (Edna Hambly) '46, St. Michael's Hospital, January 8th, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert McIsaac (Pat Dennis) '48, Orillia, March 8th, daughter, Mary Patricia.

Mr. and Mrs. Mastromattea (Frances Sylvain) '47, St. Michael's Hospital, Mar. 13th, a daughter.

Dr. and Mrs. S. J. Hughes (Teresa Neville) '47, Owen Sound General Hospital, March 23rd, daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Donohue (Marie Bedford) '42, St. Michael's Hospital, March 3rd; son, John Joseph Dennis.

Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Bowie (Helen O'Leary) '42, St. Michael's Hospital, Feb. 27th, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Boyle (Monica Wall) '42, St. Michael's Hospital, April 4th, twin sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Lampkin, (Ora Fields), son.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Rowell (Elizabeth Bray) '52, St. Michael's Hospital, April 3rd, a daughter.

BALLYK-WOHLERR—St. Catherine of Alexandria Church, St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 31st, 1953, Lillian Wohlerr '50 to Dr. Donald Dave Ballyk.

DORE-FAHLMAN—at Notre Dame Auxiliatrice, St. John's, P.Q., Dec. 29th, 1952, Ethel Fahlman '50 to Laurent Dore.

CASWELL-DENNIS—Pro Cathedral of the Assumption, North Bay, April 6th, 1953, Mae Dennis to Wm. J. Caswell.

SAUVE-TIGHE—St. Francis Xavier Church, Brockville, Dec. 27th, 1952, Patricia Tighe '49 to C. Reginald Sauve.

BOYNTON-JOHNSON—St. Mary's Anglican Church, Richmond Hill, April 11th, 1953, Viola Johnson to Wm. James Boynton.

HARVEY-O'BRIEN—the Church of Our Lady of Good Hope, Capetown, South Africa, Aileen, daughter of Mrs. O'Brien and the late Dr. P. W. O'Brien to William C. Harvey.



DID
YOU
KNOW
THAT:

Bertha Tunney '43, and Joy Linder '53, are on the staff of the York County Hospital, Newmarket.

Mrs. Isabel Innis Robinson's new address is Alderwood, Ontario.

Charlene Bechard '51, is on the staff of the Rosetown, Sask., Hospital.

Sue Hunt Page '32, is living in Cadillac Mich., where her husband is staff radiologist for the Cadillac Hospital.

Oliver Gloster is with the Royal Canadian Navy and is stationed in Halifax.

Stella McDonald '52, is on the staff of the Queen of the Angels Hospital, Los Angeles and met there Elzear Sauve '19.

Margaret Noble '52, is on the staff of the Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky.

Theresa Tobin '52, is on the staff of Trans-Canada Airlines and at present is in Montreal.

Miss Helen McGrath is home in Orillia.

Noreen MacPherson '33, is Superintendent of Terrace Bay Hospital, Terrace Bay, Ont.

Ruth Robertson '43, is stationed at R.C.A.F., Hospital in Edmonton.

Agatha Murphy '40, is on the staff of St. Joseph's Hospital, Orange, California.

Irene McGurk Dunbar entertained her bridge Club recently and her special guest was Holly Grogan Sehmidt, who motored here from New York. Holly was an original member of this "C.S.L." Club. A very pleasant evening was spent reminiscing about "St. Mike's." Among the guests were Roselle Grogan O'Sullivan and Audrey Kearns.



Congratulations to Mrs. Gertrude Heck Roach on the graduation of her daughter as an Airlines Stewardess, who will operate out of Tulsa, Okla.



GET
WELL
WISHES
TO:-



We are sorry to report the illnesses of the following nurses and wish them a speedy recovery.

Jeanette Graham '44.

Mary McTurles '17.

Mary MacDonald '25.

Effie Oppenheimer Purvis '29.

Blanche Sauve '48.

Doris Mann '31.

Gwen Adair Buckley '51.

Lola LaFrance '50.

Nan Cooper McAskile '39.

Marie Hickey '28.

Mildred Brown Fleming '38.

Genevieve MacDuff '29.

Lulu Walker Staples '24, in Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay.

We are delighted to see Dr. George Wilson around the Hospital again.

Sorry to hear Dot Coade has been off duty with a sprained thumb recently but glad to hear of her favorable progress.

We are glad to know Miss Theresa Huntley is up and around again.

We are glad that Dr. McCullough is improving since he went home after his long stay in the hospital.



PUBLIC HEALTH

Marjorie Larkin, a graduate of St. Michael's, who is Supervisor of T.B., with the Toronto Health Dept., was guest speaker at the annual meeting of the I.O.D.E. Convalescent Hospital. Miss Larkin stressed the value of B.C.G. in avoiding T.B. infection and described the role of the public health nurse in T.B. control, and education as the essential factor in teaching the patient, his family and contacts, regarding control of the disease and the rehabilitation of the patient.

Ann Marie Quigley who is now living back in Toronto, has been transferred from Sutton to Richmond Hill, Public Health Department.



MORE VISITORS

Lorraine Archambault Killoran '28 visited in Toronto early this winter.

Sister Margaret and Sister Zephyrinus were recent visitors to Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Rose-town, Sask.

Miss Grace Murphy spent a very enjoyable vacation in Florida this winter.

Misses Eleanor and Winnifred Cowan had their annual visit to West Palm Beach, Florida.

Maud Johnson Chisholm '24 spent the winter in Florida. Last year she was in South Africa.

Margaret Benny Symonette '38 of Nassau, Bahamas, was a recent visitor to Toronto with son Craig.

Mrs. Velma Brown Martin recently returned from a visit to Florida.

Mrs. Margaret Sullivan Ward, Detroit, spent a few days in Toronto.

Mrs. Margaret Manley Hayes spent a week with friends in Pontiac, Mich.

Marywinn Slipper Jamieson '36 enjoyed a winter holiday in Bermuda.

Marguerite Dwyer Johnston '28 visited in Toronto from South America and is moving to Vancouver shortly.

Miss Bourdon visited her nephew Wilfred Doyle in January, who has just returned from Germany after having spent a year there.



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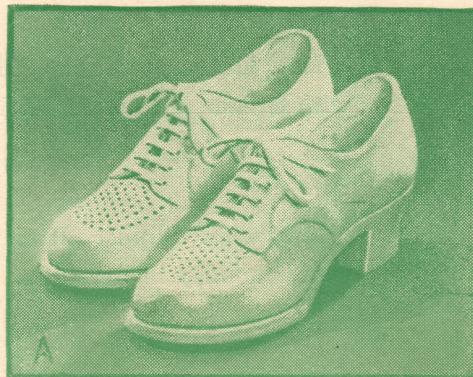
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